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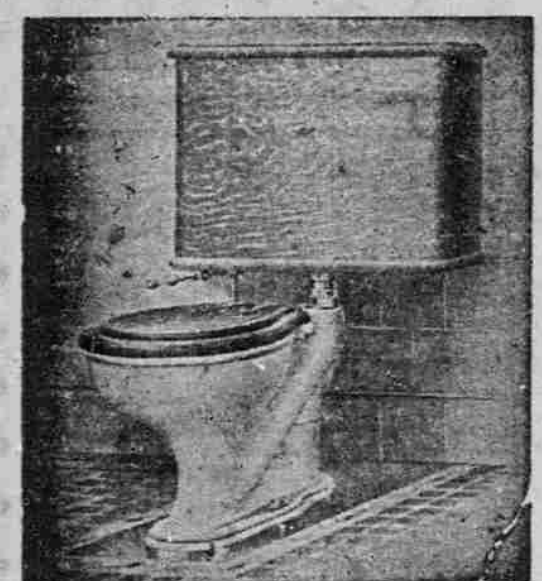
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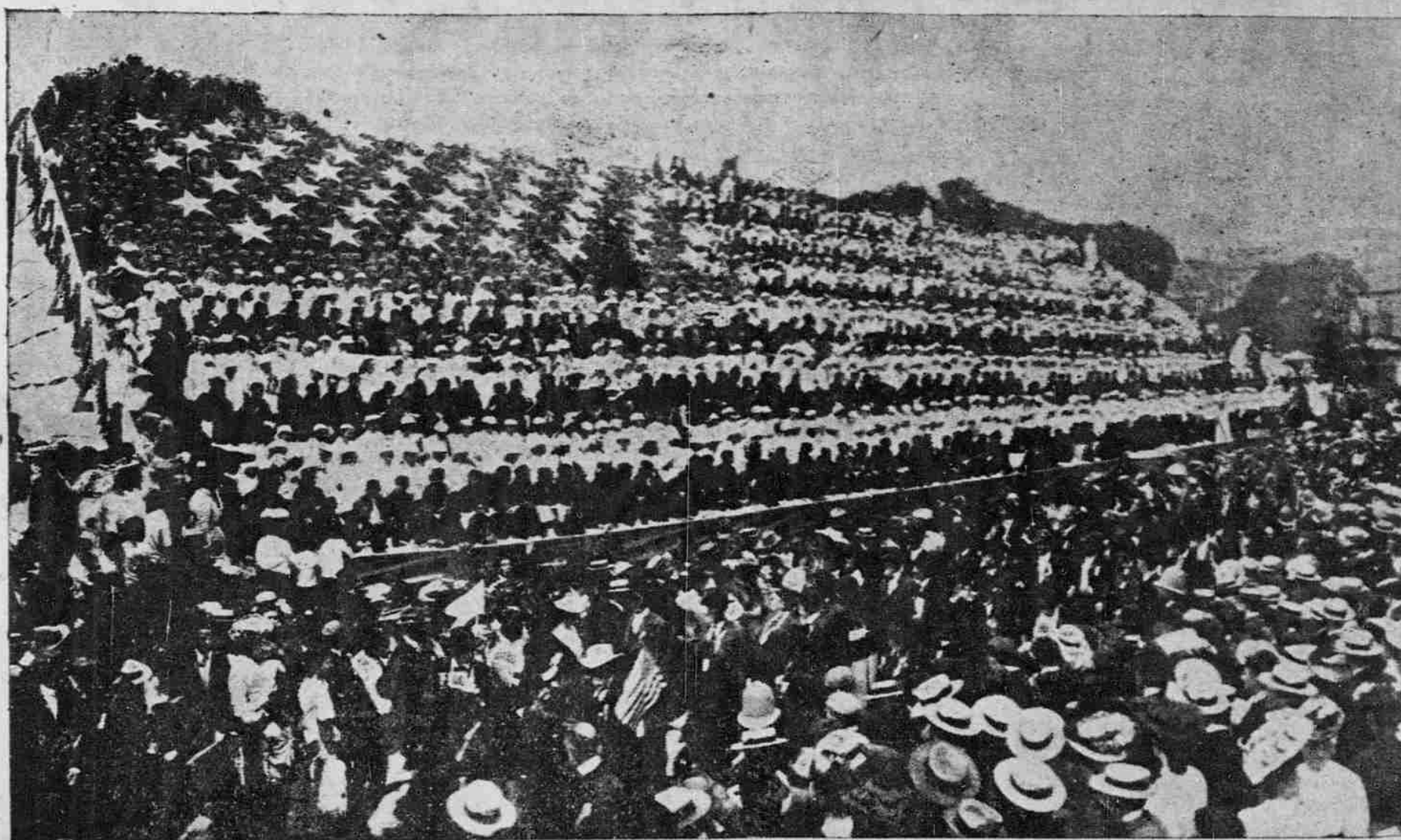
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STREETS OF HONOLULU . . . IN THE EARLY FORTIES

By GORHAM D. GILMAN in Thrum's Annual.

(Continued from yesterday.)

Proceeding along Queen street on the makai side, we come to the old Fort. This is so historically well known that it needs no description from me. Its walls extended along the street to some distance past Fort street, at the foot of which the large gateway served for entrance and exit. Over this gateway on two occasions were erected scaffolds for the execution of two couples, men and women, for having committed murder. Indicative of the natives' superstition was an incident connected with the last execution. The streets near and approaching the fort were packed with natives, men and women, who had come from all parts of the island to witness the execution. They had waited as patiently as could be expected for the appearance of the criminals, but the moment that the drop fell, and it was evident that they had paid the penalty of their crime with their lives, the people as if actuated by one common thought, cried out "Ghosts, Ghosts," and ran like a flock of frightened sheep in the opposite direction as fast as their legs could carry them, and in a short space of time the streets were cleared.

On the mauka side of the street, on the corner of Kaahumanu, was the store of the firm of Henry Skinner & Co., English merchants who figured quite conspicuously two or three years later in the event of Lord George Paulet's seizure of the islands. The junior member of the firm, who was commonly called Bobby Robeson, was said to have put in a claim against the government for the sum of "three thousand dollars for personal injuries." It was commonly reported at the time that the "injuries" were the result of an altercation which he had with his washerwoman, and that she got the better of him.

There is connected with the old fort a national incident which, although I have referred to it in a previous article, may not be amiss here. It was on the occasion of the cession of the islands and government, forced by the acting English Consul Alexander Simpson, and Lord George Paulet, an apparently willing tool in the hands of the much more able British Consul. The day and hour for the cession had come. The king and his chiefs with Dr. G. P. Judd as the official interpreter, stood on one part of the veranda of the governor's house overlooking the large area of the fort and a little distance ahead from them on the same veranda, though evidently nearer than the royal party, desired, and without any interchange of courtesies other than the most formal, were Lord George, the acting English consul and a few officers. Below on the parade ground were a detachment of the Hawaiian troops and also a little distance from them the British soldiers from H. B. M. Frigate Carysfort. The time having arrived, the king stepped to the front of the platform, which was a signal for quiet from the small number who had gathered to witness the painful ceremony. The American party refused to be witnesses on the occasion, while some of the English residents did not attempt to conceal their satisfaction that the islands were to pass under the English flag. It was then that the king gave utterance with faltering voice to the words spoken in Hawaiian. "The life of the land has gone." The remainder of the brief speech is a matter of record. The official papers were then read by Dr. Judd, and at a given signal a national salute was fired, the English flag was raised, and a national salute paid to it. The ceremony being over, the English troops left the fort with the band playing "Isle of Beauty, Fare Thee Well," which was felt by many of the old residents as a needless insult added to injury.

On the Waikiki side of the fort was a short street running from Queen street to the water. Near Queen street was Halekauwila, one of the largest and finest thatched houses on the island, the town residence of the king and queen and also at times the place of meeting of the council. Makai at the water's edge, was a small cottage of plastered adobe, with a veranda extending all around it, called Mauna

Kilikia, also used for government purposes, and later by the English Admiral Thomas who came to the islands to restore the flag and the government to the rightful authorities. Beyond this towards Waikiki were the premises occupied by Governor Kekuanoa, and beyond these the residence of the high chiefs Kekauonohi and her husband, Kealiahonui, son of the former king of Kauai, who was brought as a hostage from that island and married to his royal companion. These were the only buildings of any importance on the whole length of the street from Fort street to the mission premises, with the single exception of the Oahu Charity School, a coral building which was erected for the education of the half white children of the place. This school was conducted by Mr. A. Johnston, whose square two-story residence stood the last house on the mauka side of King street before coming to the plains, called Kuloakahu. I think that the present residence of Mr. C. H. Atherton occupies the spot where Mr. Johnston's house stood. Beyond this the plain stretched from the slopes of Punchbowl to the sea, broken only by two residences, one called Makiki, with its little grove of hau trees, the only green spot on the extensive plain. One other place seaward was called Little Britain, residence of the late J. N. Wright.

Coming again to Fort street and going mauka, the first building was on the Waikiki corner of Fort and Merchant, where Mr. John Cummins had a store. Mauka was the only Chinese, bakery managed by Sam Sing & Co., on the site of Lewers & Cooke's late store. Adjoining on the corner of King street was a story and a half building used as a store, later occupied by E. O. Hall. On the Ewa side of the street there were only native buildings with an adobe fence in front. Proceeding mauka on the same side, was a small adobe building near Hotel street occupied by Mr. E. C. Webster, as a dry goods store. An amusing incident connected with this gentleman may be worth relating. Standing by the gateway in front of his store, early one morning he was accosted by Admiral Thomas, who looking up at the sign and seeing the name Webster, asked him if he was any relation to the great Daniel Webster, to which he quickly replied, "Yes sir, I am his grandfather." The Admiral apparently appreciated the humor of the situation, as Mr. Webster was a smaller man than the average, scarcely weighing a hundred pounds, but though diminutive in size, he had an active brain and made himself felt on several occasions by his ability in legal matters, and in connection with Mr. Reynolds formerly alluded to conducted several very important cases.

On the opposite side of the street were the premises of Pierce & Brewer. Their building was quite retired from the street and their large premises were occupied by store houses. This firm were the successors to James L. Hunnewell, who was an officer on board the brig Thaddeus, that carried the first missionaries from Boston to the islands, and who afterwards returned to the islands and entered into a very successful business career. There was but one more building on the same side of the street, and that was located on the corner of Fort and Hotel, occupied by the dry goods store of Robert Davis, a native of Honolulu, half white, finely educated in the United States, and afterwards Judge of the Police Court.

Crossing Hotel street mauka, on the right hand side was a small building, the first occupant of which, I do not recall, but subsequently Dr. Mott-Smith and Dr. Hildebrand were located here with an apothecary store on the lower floor and a dentist office above. The next premises was quite a large building of two stories, plastered adobe, and known as the French Hotel. Next mauka, were the premises occupied by Capt. John O. Dominis, father of the late Governor Dominis, who lived here until Washington Place was built. After Mr. Dominis had moved, the place was occupied by the American consul, Mr. Terrill. Then came the premises now known as the Sister's School and then the Roman Catholic church. And about this time, on the

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corner of Beretania street and Fort, was built the large residence of Mr. Charles Brewer. I recall distinctly, at this period, the planting of the hau trees along the sides of the roads. They were cut up in the mountains, some ten or twelve feet long, destitute of any branches, and the trunks were about the thickness of a man's arm. These were stuck in the ground, and the earth filled in around them. To what size they may have grown since then your reader can tell better than I. (The last succumbed with the erection of the McIntyre Building.—Ed.)

On the Ewa side of Fort street on the corner of Hotel stood the dwelling house of Mr. John Colcord, a blacksmith by trade, a very worthy man. There were no other buildings of note that I remember on this side of the street until we came to a somewhat narrow lane extending from Fort street to Nuuanu, and about midway of this lane on the makai side, was the cottage of the well known Father Damon, the seaman's chaplain of the port. Few men of that time were more respected by the seamen and landsmen than was the chaplain. He officiated on Sunday at the Bethel to the small congregation that attended the services during the off seasons. During the time that the whale ships were in port the room was generally well filled with sailors from the ships. Speaking of the chapel reminds me of an incident that occurred there which caused me some embarrassment. A ship had arrived in port for wood and water with a large number of Mormon emigrants, under the leadership of the afterwards famous Sam Brannan of San Francisco notoriety. An evening meeting was announced, at which the said Brannan acting as a Mormon elder presided. I had in some way become possessed with the idea that these Mormons had been recruited from the Methodist denomination. During one of the pauses in the service, I started to sing to a familiar "Pennyroyal meter" as it used to be called at home, the well known hymn, "When I can read my title clear," with the Pennyroyal variations, "and wipe my weeping eyes." Two or three voices in the crowded room essayed to help, but left me on the second verse to finish it alone. Not willing to acknowledge defeat, I started the third verse, which I had to sing entirely as a solo. As I could not read a note of music and sang only by ear, remembering only the old fashioned peculiarities of the tune, my effort was not a success.

Branching off from Fort street as we go mauka, there was a bit of road extending its somewhat crooked way from Hotel street to Beretania street. On its left-hand side was a long two-story coral building in which Dr. R. W. Wood had his office. In the upper story, it might have been a few years later, Capt. Newell and his family resided. Capt. Newell will be remembered by the residents of a little later period as the commander of the vessel which bore away from the islands to China. Hon. George Brown, United States Commissioner, who had ceased to be "persona grata" to the Hawaiian government, and also the well known and popular Capt. John Dominis. The vessel and her passengers were never heard from after sailing. It was generally supposed that she was wrecked in one of the fierce typhoons of the China seas, though for many years the devoted wife and mother was ever expecting to hear of the rescue of her beloved husband.

On the Waikiki side of the street and mauka of where the only engine house

in the city stood was the residence of Mrs. Dowsett, whose well known family have been prominent in Honolulu affairs for all these years. Still further on the mauka side of Hotel street we come to the famous Adams' premises, which the old gentleman occupied with his numerous descendants. Beyond these, still towards Waikiki, was a little single cottage of Mr. George Kelly, agent of the Hudson Bay Company. The high stone wall around the premises was considered indicative of the exclusiveness of this representative of the great company. Directly mauka of these premises but in the "Adams' yard," as it was called, was the building occupied by the Odd Fellows, the first organization of this Order instituted in the North Pacific. I had the honor of being the first initiate and with William C. Parke of beloved memory, formed one of the charter members, giving it its name of Excelsior, anticipating what it might attain to, and which expectations seems to have been realized.

We come now to what is known as Alakea street. On the Ewa corner makai of this street was a fine large straw house which I remember at this time as the residence of Judge Robertson, a man well known and still remembered for his sterling worth and integrity of character. On the Waikiki corner stood a two-story stone house, occupied by Mr. James Jackson Jarves and his wife. He was the promoter of the effort at silk culture at Koloa, Kauai, which proved a failure for the lack of a sufficiently low temperature to allow the cocoons to come into the proper condition to produce silk. See Mr. Jarves' very full account in his book, "Scenes and Scenery of the Sandwich Islands."

Mr. Jarves was also at one time the editor of the weekly newspaper, called The Polynesian. A startling announcement was made in one of its issues which caused no end of speculation and talk. It stated with a good deal of minuteness that "a young American had disappeared on the morning of the Fourth of July; when last seen he was entering the gate of the fort, since which no trace of him had been found." The secret leaked out before the next week's issue that Mr. Jarves had taken that day and occasion, for forswearing his own country, the United States, and had taken the oath of allegiance to His Majesty Kamehameha III.

Crossing the street and passing mauka on the left hand corner, stood the little cottage of Mr. William Wood, a somewhat noted saloon keeper of the better sort. The little cottage had, however, another occupant whose name has become associated with the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the islands. Dr. Watson brought the first charter for a lodge of the Order and instituted Excelsior Lodge, which has proved itself worthy of its name, its course ever having been "onward and upward." I am recently informed by the senior officer of the Lodge that I am now the only one living of the original charter members. Sixty years is a long look backward. This building stood where the Honolulu Library now stands.

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